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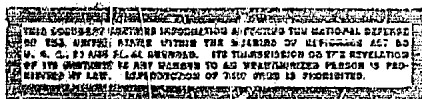
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Although there have been numerous rumors in 1952 that the Sovroms (Soviet-Rumanian Joint Enterprises) would be dissolved or made only nominally Rumanian enterprises, this article, which appears in the bulletin of the Italo-Rumanian Friendship Society, seems to indicate their continued existence.

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The Sovroms play a decisive role in the Rumanian economy. They form a fundamental part of the economic structure of the country since they are the means by which Soviet aid is brought to the RFR (Rumanian People's Republic). These enterprises were established by the treaty of May 1945 between the USSR and the RFR. The Soviet contribution to these enterprises consists of specialized personnel such as machine technicians, technical planners, and others, as well as concessions and credits, vast quantities of equipment, machinery, and the benefit of Soviet planning.

The principal Sovroms are as follows:

1. Sovrometal. This enterprise controls not only the metallurgical industry, but also the heavy machine-building industry.
2. Sovrompetrol. This enterprise will bring Rumanian oil production up to 10 million metric tons per year. The USSR provides it with technicians and equipment despite the fact that these are needed at home to aid production in the USSR, which is only 40 million metric tons per year.
3. Sovromcarbun. This enterprise receives machinery from the USSR and benefits by the latest Soviet research.

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4. Sovromtransport. This controls river traffic, maintains small repair facilities and possesses large naval construction docks.

5. Sovromconstructie. [This enterprise is in charge of all building construction for Rumania.] The USSR furnishes plans and equipment.

6. Sovromgaz. This enterprise controls methane and hydrocarbons. The USSR provides drilling and extraction equipment. Production by 1955 is expected to reach 4 billion cubic meters.

7. Sovromtractor. [This enterprise controls tractor production.]

8. Sovromlezn. [This enterprise controls lumber production.]

9. TARS (Civilian Air Transport Service). This service is equipped with Soviet planes, hangars, and airfield equipment, but is operated by Rumanian personnel.

The Sovroms serve as guides for other enterprises in the organization of production, in technical improvements, and in administration. Their importance is expected to increase. Gheorghiu-Dej declared that they were the "nuclei of the socialist organization of work and of administrative experience."

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